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Reference -- See Attached Form PTO-1449

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Application is being filed in an abundance of caution to ensure consideration of the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

The attached form PTO-1449 is submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.56. No admission is made regarding whether the submitted reference is prior art. For the convenience of the Examiner we have enclosed a copy of the Japanese references and a copy of the article.

Respectfully submitted,

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